

## **Worley, Jordan P**

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**From:** Blackwood, Pharah L  
**Sent:** Monday, January 30, 2017 5:20 PM  
**To:** Rankin, Carrie A; Farnam, Julie E; Slattery, Shannon E  
**Cc:** Bourn, Amy M; Steele, Terri L  
**Subject:** Questions on EO for adoptions.

Adding to the questions:

Is South Sudan impacted?

Does the hold include I-600As?

Is the case affected if one of the PAPs is an LPR from one of the seven countries (they would likely not be able to travel to complete adoption proceedings in country, as required by most).

Will the agency reject petitions (e.g. I-600, I-130) from these countries?

Can we process fingerprint refreshes for PAPs adopting children from these countries?

Are we aware of any families who are overseas and unable to travel?

Thank you,

**Pharah L Blackwood |DHS|USCIS| National Benefits Center |International Adoption - Assistant Center Director|**  
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**From:** Blackwood, Pharah L  
**Sent:** Monday, January 30, 2017 10:22 AM  
**To:** Rankin, Carrie A; Farnam, Julie E; Slattery, Shannon E  
**Subject:** RE: Data on EO for adoptions.

We are pulling a report from ACMS so I will confirm shortly.

We have not received guidance on the I-600A, either.

On that note, we actually have three questions:

Is South Sudan impacted?

Does the hold include I-600As?

Is the case affected if one of the PAPs is an LPR from one of the seven countries (they would likely not be able to travel to complete adoption proceedings in country, as required by most).

Will the agency reject petitions (e.g. I-600) from these countries?

Can we process fingerprint refreshes for PAPs adopting children from these countries?

Thank you,

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**From:** Rankin, Carrie A  
**Sent:** Monday, January 30, 2017 8:38 AM  
**To:** Farnam, Julie E; Blackwood, Pharrah L; Slattery, Shannon E  
**Subject:** RE: Data on EO for adoptions.

Pharrah – are the Yemeni and Sudanese cases noted below Form I-600s or Form I-600As?

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**From:** Farnam, Julie E  
**Sent:** Monday, January 30, 2017 8:51 AM  
**To:** Blackwood, Pharrah L; Slattery, Shannon E; Rankin, Carrie A  
**Subject:** RE: Data on EO for adoptions.

Thanks, Pharrah, for the quick work.

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**From:** Blackwood, Pharrah L  
**Sent:** Monday, January 30, 2017 8:40 AM  
**To:** Farnam, Julie E; Slattery, Shannon E; Rankin, Carrie A  
**Subject:** Data on EO for adoptions.

FYI below. More to come as we run some official reports. Will run 130s, too.

Pharrah L Blackwood |DHS|USCIS| National Benefits Center / International Adoption  
Assistant Center Director

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**From:** Paulin, Bruce A  
**Sent:** Monday, January 30, 2017 8:32:22 AM  
**To:** Blackwood, Pharrah L  
**Subject:** FW: Executive Order: PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES - Field Operations Instructions

Pharrah,

Just a quick run through of ACMS shows we have some open cases. The Iranian cases are not yet assigned. Shelly has the Yemeni cases, and Trevor has the Sudanese cases. Not as fancy as a Robin report, but something to start with.  
Iran 2 I-600A 1 I-600 cases, Yemen 1 family, Sudan 2 families

Bruce Paulin  
Non-Hague International Adoptions Supervisor  
National Benefits Center, USCIS

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**From:** Cowan, Robert M  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 11:07 AM  
**To:** #NBC CIS Broadcast  
**Cc:** Renaud, Daniel M; Valverde, Michael  
**Subject:** FW: Executive Order: PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES - Field Operations Instructions

Colleagues,

Please see the message below from AD Daniel Renaud. Per his instructions please cease taking final action on those petitions and applications where the applicant or beneficiary is a citizen or national from any of the listed countries. If you encounter a case that falls into this category please set it aside for the time being. We'll issue further guidance early next week. Thanks for your help in this matter.

Robert Cowan  
Center Director/National Benefits Center

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Sent from a mobile device

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**From:** Renaud, Daniel M  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 11:12:16 AM  
**To:** Cowan, Robert M; Looney, Robert V; Muzyka, Carolyn L; Pietropaoli, Lori A; Redman, Kathy A; Gallagher, Kevin E; Goodwin, Shelley M; Robinson, Terri A; Tierney, Therese A; Woo, Ellen Y; FOD-DDS-DDDs-COS; FOD-FODs  
**Cc:** Dominguez, Kathleen P; Upchurch, Evelyn M; Kendrick, Rose M; Quimby, Christopher M (Chris); Rinehart, Brett R; Sapko, Jeffrey M; Spencer, Julie C; Young, Claudia F; Valverde, Michael; Neufeld, Donald W; Kvortek, Lisette E; Farnam, Julie E; Slattery, Shannon E; Renaud, Tracy L; Davidson, Andrew J; Scialabba, Lori L  
**Subject:** Executive Order: PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES - Field Operations Instructions

On January 27, 2017, the President signed an Executive Order that, in part, relates to the suspension of processing of certain immigration benefits. Section 3(c) of the Executive Order invokes sections 212(f) and 217(a)(12) of the INA to temporarily suspend the entry immigrants and nonimmigrants who are from Syria, Iraq, Iran, Somalia, Yemen, Sudan, and Libya for 90 days from the date of the Executive Order.

Effectively immediately and until additional guidance is received, you may not take final action on any petition or application where the applicant is a citizen or national of Syria, Iraq, Iran, Somalia, Yemen, Sudan, and Libya. Field offices may interview applicants for adjustment of status and other benefits according to current processing guidance and may process petitions and applications for individuals from these countries up to the point where a decision would be made. At that point, cases shall be placed on hold until further notice and will be shelved with specific NFTS codes which will be provided through the Regional Offices. Offices are not permitted make any final decision on affected cases to include approval, denial, withdrawal, or revocation.

Please look for additional guidance later this weekend on how to process naturalization applicants from one of the seven countries listed above who are currently scheduled for oath ceremony or whose N-400s have been approved and they are pending scheduling of oath ceremony.

We expect to issue more detailed guidance and procedures as needed in the coming days. Questions or requests for additional clarification may be directed to the Regional Offices through your chain of command.

Daniel M. Renaud

Associate Director | Field Operations Directorate  
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services  
Department of Homeland Security

**Worley, Jordan P**

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**From:** Renaud, Daniel M  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 29, 2017 12:40 PM  
**To:** Farnam, Julie E  
**Subject:** RE: Cases Pending in Field Offices and NBC

Will do. Thanks.

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**From:** Farnam, Julie E  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 29, 2017 1:36:16 PM  
**To:** Renaud, Daniel M  
**Subject:** RE: Cases Pending in Field Offices and NBC

Okay. If you need anything else, please let me know. I should have the bandwidth this week to stay on top of my HQ duties as well.

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**From:** Renaud, Daniel M  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 29, 2017 1:35:02 PM  
**To:** Farnam, Julie E  
**Subject:** RE: Cases Pending in Field Offices and NBC

I'll send it in a few minutes.

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**From:** Farnam, Julie E  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 29, 2017 1:34:11 PM  
**To:** Renaud, Daniel M  
**Subject:** RE: Cases Pending in Field Offices and NBC

Did you want me to send it?

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**From:** Renaud, Daniel M  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 29, 2017 1:33:11 PM  
**To:** Farnam, Julie E  
**Subject:** RE: Cases Pending in Field Offices and NBC

We are clear to send an abridged version of the message on N400s and N600s. We think AOS are ok, but that's not confirmed.

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**From:** Farnam, Julie E  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 29, 2017 1:28:36 PM  
**To:** Renaud, Daniel M  
**Subject:** FW: Cases Pending in Field Offices and NBC

Did we receive any additional updates?

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**From:** Scialabba, Lori L  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 29, 2017 9:57:28 AM  
**To:** Renaud, Daniel M; Renaud, Tracy L  
**Cc:** Valverde, Michael; Kvortek, Lisette E; Farnam, Julie E; Neufeld, Donald W  
**Subject:** RE: Cases Pending in Field Offices and NBC

Please wait till I'm off the 10:00 call.

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**From:** Renaud, Daniel M  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 29, 2017 9:47:02 AM  
**To:** Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Tracy L  
**Cc:** Valverde, Michael; Kvortek, Lisette E; Farnam, Julie E; Neufeld, Donald W  
**Subject:** RE: Cases Pending in Field Offices and NBC

I am going to send out a message today instructing offices to proceed with scheduled naturalization ceremonies until further notice. I think they need clarity on how to handle early-week ceremonies.

Daniel M. Renaud  
Associate Director | Field Operations Directorate  
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services  
Department of Homeland Security

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**From:** Scialabba, Lori L  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 29, 2017 9:44:02 AM  
**To:** Renaud, Daniel M; Renaud, Tracy L  
**Cc:** Valverde, Michael; Kvortek, Lisette E; Farnam, Julie E; Neufeld, Donald W  
**Subject:** RE: Cases Pending in Field Offices and NBC

It can wait until Monday.

Thanks Dan,  
Lori

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**From:** Renaud, Daniel M  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 29, 2017 9:43:11 AM  
**To:** Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Tracy L  
**Cc:** Valverde, Michael; Kvortek, Lisette E; Farnam, Julie E; Neufeld, Donald W  
**Subject:** RE: Cases Pending in Field Offices and NBC

We should have the information you want on the 13,000. The N-form data might take until Monday. If you need it today, I can ask someone to go in today and start the data pull.

Daniel M. Renaud  
Associate Director | Field Operations Directorate  
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services  
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**From:** Scialabba, Lori L  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 29, 2017 9:27:59 AM  
**To:** Renaud, Daniel M; Renaud, Tracy L  
**Cc:** Valverde, Michael; Kvortek, Lisette E; Farnam, Julie E; Neufeld, Donald W  
**Subject:** RE: Cases Pending in Field Offices and NBC

You should get the C4 data too and I know they are going to ask for a break down of the 13,000.

LET's keep OCOM and OLA in the loop. DHS is doing press while we are still trying to figure this out. So the more our folks know the better.

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**From:** Renaud, Daniel M  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 29, 2017 7:42:20 AM  
**To:** Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Tracy L  
**Cc:** Valverde, Michael; Kvortek, Lisette E; Farnam, Julie E; Neufeld, Donald W  
**Subject:** Cases Pending in Field Offices and NBC

NER ran a scrape of C3 data. Field Ops has 13,376 pending case filed by or on behalf of an individual from one of the 7 countries. That number, of course is limited to cases that can be identified through systems data, and does not account for cases with missing data in the system or dual citizens where the third country was listed. Its close enough, though to get an idea of the number of impacted cases.

Since it appears the EO does not apply to the citizenship line of business, we will hold off on a run of C4.

Daniel M. Renaud  
Associate Director | Field Operations Directorate  
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## **Worley, Jordan P**

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**From:** Groom, Molly M  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 10:14 PM  
**To:** Scialabba, Lori L; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Valverde, Michael; Neufeld, Donald W; Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Tracy L; Renaud, Daniel M; Ruppel, Joanna; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; McCament, James W  
**Cc:** Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M; Walters, Jessica S; Young, Todd P  
**Subject:** RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

I did misunderstand. We will push the legal discussion as far as we can to get answers to inform your policy discussion which may be useful to some points more than others. Still all are consumed with real live situations at ports and in courts. So answers slow.

2-USCIS does adjudicate certain visas --but not adjudicating doesn't suspend entry like 212(f) suggests.

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**From:** Scialabba, Lori L  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 11:01:59 PM  
**To:** Groom, Molly M; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Valverde, Michael; Neufeld, Donald W; Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Tracy L; Renaud, Daniel M; Ruppel, Joanna; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; McCament, James W  
**Cc:** Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M; Walters, Jessica S; Young, Todd P  
**Subject:** RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

Thanks Molly. I should have been a little clearer on the intent of this. Its just to get the conversation started with DHS. This is for policy discussion, It's not for public consumption. I think much of what you're suggestion is perfect for public statements. I put the explanations in so DHS knows why we are taking the position we are for each question.

2. I think if we use the word visa we're going to not be allowed to continue to adjudicate them. We don't do visas. Do we?
3. I'd really like to get the go ahead to continue doing as much as possible in the refugee arena. I like your statement for public consumption.
4. I like this for a statement for OCOM to use.
5. I'm assuming we can adjudicate asylum requests but we should get clarification.

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**From:** Groom, Molly M  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 10:38:07 PM  
**To:** Scialabba, Lori L; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Valverde, Michael; Neufeld, Donald W; Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Tracy L; Renaud, Daniel M; Ruppel, Joanna; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; McCament, James W  
**Cc:** Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M  
**Subject:** RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

Now we are aware of at least two TROs, so I am not sure how quickly we will get anything cleared or agreement on what the impact is. But that said I offer the following comments for consideration.

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**From:** Scialabba, Lori L  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 10:07:19 PM  
**To:** Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Valverde, Michael; Neufeld, Donald W; Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Tracy L; Groom, Molly M; Renaud, Daniel M; Ruppel, Joanna; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; McCament, James W  
**Cc:** Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M  
**Subject:** RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

Here we go. I've added Todd and Jessica for clean up once I have reactions because these answers could go any number of ways. I'm just getting a sense of our answer here. It's not pretty or diplomatic.

1. THe EO's are to protect the NS and safety of the U.S. From persons entering our country from the designated countries and does not apply to people in the U.S. Applying for adjustment of status. (OCC check me on this.). I know the EO uses language like all immigration benefits but the details address visa issuance to NIVs and IVs. Maybe the intent is to include adjustment but as long as this answer isn't completely ridiculous I'd like to start here.
2. USCIS will continue to adjudicate various petitions and applications. Visas are not issued by USCIS
3. Yes, in light of the language in the EO we will continue these refugee interviews.
4. THis will be done on a case by case basis. (We will need some standards for this)

5. This will be done on a case by case basis. (Ditto on standards and procedures)

6. Yes.

Let's hear what everyone has to say.

Lori

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**From:** Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff)

**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 9:06:15 PM

**To:** Valverde, Michael; Neufeld, Donald W; Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Tracy L; Groom, Molly M; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Ruppel, Joanna; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; McCament, James W

**Cc:** Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M

**Subject:** RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

All:

We have been asked by DHS to draft and clear within USCIS responses to the questions we sent up earlier.

Also, FYI, attached is what CBP submitted back to DHS OPA. We will be adding to that document so the questions should similarly be framed as media inquiries and I have taken a stab at that below.

DHS has asked for our responses as soon as possible tonight. Please send to me and I will forward them along.

Thanks,

Jeff

Jeff Carter

Acting Deputy Chief, Office of Communications

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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Please visit [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov) for news and information.

1. Does the Executive Order apply to I-485 applications to adjust to LPR status here in the U.S.?

2. Does this impact USCIS ability to adjust visas of those eligible to adjust in the U.S., such as a family based petition or an employment based petition?

3. Can USCIS continue refugee interviews of religious minorities and for countries with which we have an agreement?

4. Will the U.S. accept emergency requests to process a refugee who will then travel?

5. Can the exception for refugee admission be used in I-730 cases?

6. Does "from one of the seven countries" mean citizen, national or born in?

7. Does the Executive Order apply to those currently being adjudicated for naturalization?

USCIS will continue to adjudicate N-400 applications for naturalization and administer the oath of citizenship for approved candidates who remain eligible.

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**From:** Valverde, Michael  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 5:38 PM  
**To:** Neufeld, Donald W; Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Tracy L; Groom, Molly M; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; McCament, James W  
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**Subject:** RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

We are doing the same. Our folks should talk, probably. Shelley Goodwin is our point. Who is yours?

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**From:** Neufeld, Donald W  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 5:33:11 PM  
**To:** Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Tracy L; Groom, Molly M; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; McCament, James W  
**Cc:** Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M  
**Subject:** RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

Many more than I would have expected. We have folks running reports to see what we have pending in C3 and ELIS for applicants, beneficiaries and requesters from the 7 countries. We should have that Monday afternoon.

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**From:** Busch, Philip B  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 4:33:44 PM  
**To:** Renaud, Tracy L; Neufeld, Donald W; Groom, Molly M; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; McCament, James W  
**Cc:** Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M  
**Subject:** RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

Regarding COS and EOS, it occurred to me to wonder to what extent there actually are nonimmigrants from those countries. Numbers aren't huge, but they are there. For FY 2015 per DHS yearbook, total nonimmigrant admissions for nationals of these countries were:

Iraq, 21,381  
Iran, 35,266  
Libya, 3,879  
Yemen, 5,549  
Sudan, 4,792  
Syria, 16,018  
Somalia, 359

Numbers for the two preceding years were similar. There are also tables further breaking it down by category but I didn't dig into it that deeply.

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**om:** Renaud, Tracy L  
**nt:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 4:12:21 PM  
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Ruppel, Joanna; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; McCament, James W

**Cc:** Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M

**Subject:** RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

Thanks Don. We will add it.

*Tracy L. Renaud  
Acting Deputy Director  
US Citizenship & Immigration Services  
Department of Homeland Security  
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**From:** Neufeld, Donald W

**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 3:58 PM

**To:** Renaud, Tracy L; Groom, Molly M; Scialabba, Lori L; Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Daniel M; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; McCament, James W

**Cc:** Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M

**Subject:** RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

Tracy,

I saw the forwarded questions. I would like to add the EOS/COS issue as a corollary to the I-485 question.

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**From:** Renaud, Tracy L

**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 3:33:46 PM

**To:** Groom, Molly M; Scialabba, Lori L; Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Daniel M; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna;

Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W

**Cc:** Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M

**Subject:** RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

All-

The 2:45 call did not address any of our outstanding issues. The call centered on a group of travel ready refugees and a discussion on whether to recommend applying a waiver allowing them to travel and be admitted. However, there is a WH principals' call at 4:00 that Lori will be on and we were encouraged to send our questions forward in advance of that call so DHS can either get us answers based on their knowledge or address the questions during the 4:00 call. Lori will be forwarding those questions. Stay tuned, we may have some guidance on at least some of our issues later today.

*Tracy L. Renaud  
Acting Deputy Director  
US Citizenship & Immigration Services  
Department of Homeland Security  
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**From:** Groom, Molly M

**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 2:03 PM

**To:** Scialabba, Lori L; Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Daniel M; Renaud, Tracy L; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna;

Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W

**Cc:** Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M

**Subject:** RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

we were not clear on whether it applied to adjustment but were looking for clarity. Maybe there is still time to get another answer?

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**From:** Scialabba, Lori L  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:59:11 PM  
**To:** Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Daniel M; Renaud, Tracy L; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; Groom, Molly M; Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W  
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I can see reading it that way but we've already been told it applies to adjustment applications.

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**From:** Busch, Philip B  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:56:25 PM  
**To:** Renaud, Daniel M; Renaud, Tracy L; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; Groom, Molly M; Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W  
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**Subject:** RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

I think that's the case with all benefits within the country, isn't it? The EO says examine benefit processes but the only thing it cuts off is entry into the United States from abroad, as I read it. Is that others' understanding? So if we mention natz, which I am certainly not suggesting we shouldn't, then we probably should expand the item to cover other benefits within the US. Thanks, Phil

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**From:** Renaud, Daniel M  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:49:28 PM  
**To:** Renaud, Tracy L; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; Groom, Molly M; Busch, Philip B; Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W  
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**Subject:** RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

I'd like to keep it in the document going to OPA that we may proceed with both making final decisions on pending N-400 petitions and administering the oath to eligible applicants from the 7 whose N-400s have been approved.

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**From:** Renaud, Tracy L  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:35:15 PM  
**To:** Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Renaud, Daniel M; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; Groom, Molly M; Busch, Philip B; Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W  
**Cc:** Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Scialabba, Lori L; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M  
**Subject:** RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

:ff,

I posed this question to DHS HQ just this morning because we had a 1:00 ceremony at the WAS field office with five individuals from the seven countries. I got a response back from DHS just before 1:00 indicating that they were good to go ahead with naturalizing those individuals. So, the answer is no, it does not apply to candidates for naturalization.

Tracy L. Renaud  
Acting Deputy Director  
US Citizenship & Immigration Services  
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**From:** Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff)  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:26:12 PM  
**To:** Renaud, Tracy L; Ruppel, Joanna; Renaud, Daniel M; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; Groom, Molly M; Busch, Philip B; Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W  
**Cc:** Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Scialabba, Lori L; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M  
**Subject:** RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

+ Angie

OPA just called – they would like anything we can provide within the hour so they can hold a call with CBP and others who are getting bombarded with media inquiries and prepare S1 to return Hill calls.

One question I could see for us, even though it is somewhat answered in the first question below: Does the Executive Order apply to those currently being adjudicated for naturalization?

Jeff

Jeff Carter  
Acting Deputy Chief, Office of Communications  
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services  
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**From:** Renaud, Tracy L  
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**Cc:** Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Scialabba, Lori L; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M  
**Subject:** RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

I am adding Jess, Molly and Phil back in again and also adding SCOPS. Jess is working to gather the questions you have all sent so far and compile them on one document. Once she has those together Lori and I will look at them to see which are internal questions and which might warrant public facing Q&A. So if you have sent your questions to Jess we should be all set.

Tracy L. Renaud  
Acting Deputy Director  
US Citizenship & Immigration Services  
Department of Homeland Security  
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**From:** Ruppel, Joanna  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:09 PM  
**To:** Renaud, Daniel M; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J

## **Worley, Jordan P**

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**From:** Goodwin, Shelley M  
**Sent:** Monday, January 30, 2017 7:04 AM  
**To:** #NER-DD-FOD-COS; #NER-OPS; #NER SISOs and Section Managers  
**Cc:** Pietropaoli, Lori A; Haag, Andrew P; Fontanez, Andrew V  
**Subject:** RE: Executive Order: Fact Sheet

Per information shared with field leadership over the weekend, field offices may interview applicants for adjustment of status and other benefits according to current processing guidance and may process petitions and applications for individuals from these countries up to the point where a decision would be made. At that point, cases shall be placed on hold until further notice and will be shelved with specific NFTS codes which will be provided through the Regional Offices. Offices are not permitted make any final decision on affected cases to include approval, denial, withdrawal, or revocation.

Thanks

*Shelley M. Goodwin*  
Northeast Region | Associate Regional Director, Operations | USCIS

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**Cc:** Pietropaoli, Lori A; Haag, Andrew P; Fontanez, Andrew V  
**Subject:** RE: Executive Order: Fact Sheet

It is imperative that you ensure staff members fully understand that we are holding all pending cases for the seven countries only and with the exception of N400s and N600s. I have had questions about cases that are not from these countries. Place these cases in an RPC for now and we will get you a national RPC for mandatory use by all field offices hopefully by 11:30 am along with a report to help you locate and segregate any of these cases in your offices. The most important thing is to ensure your staff is aware that if they encounter any cases (other than N400 and N600) that they hold the cases.

Thank you!

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**Cc:** Pietropaoli, Lori A; Haag, Andrew P; Fontanez, Andrew V

**Subject:** Executive Order: Fact Sheet

**Importance:** High

Field Leadership

In addition to the brief update sent last night, please see the following and attached for more information.

Thanks

Shelley

#### **FACT SHEET: Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry to the United States**

WASHINGTON - The executive order signed on January 27, 2017, allows for the proper review and establishment of standards to prevent terrorist or criminal infiltration by foreign nationals. The United States has the world's most generous immigration system, yet it has been repeatedly exploited by terrorists and other malicious actors who seek to do us harm. In order to ensure that the United States government can conduct a thorough and comprehensive analysis of the national security risks posed from our immigration system, it imposes a 90-day suspension on entry to the United States of nationals of certain designated countries—countries that were designated by Congress and the Obama Administration as posing national security risks in the Visa Waiver Program.

In order to protect Americans, and to advance the national interest, the United States must ensure that those entering this country will not harm the American people subsequent to their entry, and that they do not bear malicious intent toward the United States and its people. The executive order protects the United States from countries compromised by terrorism and ensures a more rigorous vetting process. This Executive Order ensures that we have a functional immigration system that safeguards our national security.

This executive order, as well as the two issued earlier in the week, provide the Department with additional resources, tools and personnel to carry out the critical work of securing our borders, enforcing the immigration laws of our nation, and ensuring that individuals who pose a threat to national security or public safety cannot enter or remain in our country. Protecting the American people is the highest priority of our government and this Department.

The Department of Homeland Security will faithfully execute the immigration laws and the President's executive order, and we will treat all of those we encounter humanely and with professionalism.

#### **Authorities**

The Congress provided the president of the United States, in section 212(f) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), with the authority to suspend the entry of any class of aliens the president deems detrimental to the national interest. This authority has been exercised by nearly every president since President Carter, and has been a component of immigration laws since the enactment of the INA in 1952.

#### **Actions**

For the next 90 days, nearly all travelers, except U.S. citizens, traveling from Iraq, Syria, Sudan, Iran, Somalia, Libya, and Yemen will be temporarily suspended from entry to the United States. The 90 day period will allow for proper review and establishment of standards to prevent terrorist or criminal infiltration by foreign nationals.

Importantly, however, lawful permanent residents of the United States traveling on a valid I-551 will be allowed to board U.S. bound aircraft and will be assessed for exceptions at arrival ports of entry, as appropriate. The entry of these individuals, subject to national security checks, is in the national interest. Therefore, we expect swift entry for these individuals.

In the first 30 days, DHS will perform a global country-by-country review of the information each country provides when their citizens apply for a U.S. visa or immigration benefit. Countries will then have 60 days to comply with any requests from the U.S. government to update or improve the quality of the information they provide.

DHS and the Department of State have the authority, on a case-by-case basis, to issue visas or allow the entry of nationals of these countries into the United States when it serves the national interest. These seven countries were designated by Congress and the Obama Administration as posing a significant enough security risk to warrant additional scrutiny in the visa waiver context.

The Refugee Admissions Program will be temporarily suspended for the next 120 days while DHS and interagency partners review screening procedures to ensure refugees admitted in the future do not pose a security risk to citizens of the United States.

The executive order does not prohibit entry of, or visa issuance to, travelers with diplomatic visas, North Atlantic Treaty Organization visas, C-2 visas for travel to the United Nations, and G-1, G-2, G-3, and G-4 visas.

The Department of Homeland Security along with the Department of State, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation will develop uniform screening standards for all immigration programs government-wide.

Upon resumption of the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program, refugee admissions to the United States will not exceed 50,000 for fiscal year 2017.

The Secretary of Homeland Security will expedite the completion and implementation of a biometric entry-exit tracking system of all travelers into the United States.

#### **Federal Government**

As part of a broader set of government actions, the Secretary of State will review all nonimmigrant visa reciprocity agreements to ensure that they are, with respect to each visa classification, truly reciprocal.

The Department of State will suspend the Visa Interview Waiver Program and ensure all individuals seeking nonimmigrant visas undergo an in-person interview.

#### **Transparency**

The Department of Homeland Security, in order to be more transparent with the American people, and to more effectively implement policies and practices that serve the national interest will make information available to the public every 180 days. In coordination with the Department of Justice, DHS will provide information regarding the number of foreign nationals charged with terrorism-related offense or gender-based violence against women while in the United States.

**Shelley M. Goodwin**

Northeast Region | Associate Regional Director, Operations | USCIS

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**Cc:** Pietropaoli, Lori A; Haag, Andrew P; Fontanez, Andrew V

**Subject:** Update: Executive Order

**Importance:** High

Field Leadership

Just a brief update based on where we stand with the information shared over the weekend regarding the recent executive order.

As noted, offices must immediately begin holding all pending cases, with the exception of N600s and N400s, filed by or on behalf of someone from the seven countries outlined in the executive order until additional guidance is provided. We are putting the final touches on a report for all field offices that will assist you with identifying the cases that must be retrieved and held in abeyance. This report will provide you with the NFTS location of these cases in your respective offices. Further, we will provide you with a standard NFTS code that all offices must use for the purpose of holding these cases. Until you receive the report and NFTS code, it is imperative that offices ensure that all staff members are aware of the need to identify and hold these filings without further adjudication.

Many of you have asked whether we can expect additional information to assist with addressing customer and stakeholder inquiries. I am sure you can all appreciate how fluid this situation is at the present time. We don't have talking points for customer service or outreach at this point and we have no deadline by which we expect to have those. We can answer questions about the status of the work that we adjudicate. Beyond that, we cannot and should not respond. I know this may be frustrating to the staff and public alike but unfortunately we simply do not have any additional information. We will be certain to share anything we receive as soon as it is disseminated.

Thank you and stay tuned!

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**Cc:** Dominguez, Kathleen P; Upchurch, Evelyn M; Kendrick, Rose M; Quimby, Christopher M (Chris); Rinehart, Brett R; Sapko, Jeffrey M; Spencer, Julie C; Young, Claudia F; Valverde, Michael; Neufeld, Donald W; Kvortek, Lisette E; Farnam, Julie E; Slattery, Shannon E; Renaud, Tracy L; Davidson, Andrew J; Scialabba, Lori L  
**Subject:** RE: Executive Order: PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES - Field Operations Instructions

Field Offices may continue to adjudicate N-400 and N-600 applications and administer the oath of citizenship for approved candidates who remain eligible. This message lifts the hold on citizenship applications and petitions.

Daniel M. Renaud  
Associate Director | Field Operations Directorate  
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services  
Department of Homeland Security

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**From:** Renaud, Daniel M  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 11:12:16 AM  
**To:** Cowan, Robert M; Looney, Robert V; Muzyka, Carolyn L; Pietropaoli, Lori A; Redman, Kathy A; Gallagher, Kevin E; Goodwin, Shelley M; Robinson, Terri A; Tierney, Therese A; Woo, Ellen Y; FOD-DDS-DDDs-COS; FOD-FODs  
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**Subject:** Executive Order: PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES - Field Operations Instructions

On January 27, 2017, the President signed an Executive Order that, in part, relates to the suspension of processing of certain immigration benefits. Section 3(c) of the Executive Order invokes sections 212(f) and 217(a)(12) of the INA to temporarily suspend the entry immigrants and nonimmigrants who are from Syria, Iraq, Iran, Somalia, Yemen, Sudan, and Libya for 90 days from the date of the Executive Order.

Effectively immediately and until additional guidance is received, you may not take final action on any petition or application where the applicant is a citizen or national of Syria, Iraq, Iran, Somalia, Yemen, Sudan, and Libya. Field offices may interview applicants for adjustment of status and other benefits according to current processing guidance and may process petitions and applications for individuals from these countries up to the point where a decision would be made. At that point, cases shall be placed on hold until further notice and will be shelved with specific NFTS codes which will be provided through the Regional Offices. Offices are not permitted make any final decision on affected cases to include approval, denial, withdrawal, or revocation.

Please look for additional guidance later this weekend on how to process naturalization applicants from one of the seven countries listed above who are currently scheduled for oath ceremony or whose N-400s have been

approved and they are pending scheduling of oath ceremony.

We expect to issue more detailed guidance and procedures as needed in the coming days. Questions or requests for additional clarification may be directed to the Regional Offices through your chain of command.

Daniel M. Renaud  
Associate Director | Field Operations Directorate  
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services  
Department of Homeland Security

## **Worley, Jordan P**

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**From:** Groom, Molly M  
**Sent:** Monday, January 30, 2017 6:28 AM  
**To:** Slattery, Shannon E; Levine, Laurence D; Renaud, Daniel M; Neufeld, Donald W; Walters, Jessica S; Busch, Philip B; Kleczek, Marguerite P (Ania)  
**Cc:** Ruppel, Joanna; Young, Todd P; Valverde, Michael; Walters, Jessica S; Kvortek, Lisette E; Farnam, Julie E; Elder, Phillip D  
**Subject:** RE: Executive Order

Plus Phil, Ania and Philip

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**From:** Slattery, Shannon E  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 29, 2017 11:24:08 PM  
**To:** Levine, Laurence D; Renaud, Daniel M; Groom, Molly M; Neufeld, Donald W; Walters, Jessica S  
**Cc:** Ruppel, Joanna; Young, Todd P; Valverde, Michael; Walters, Jessica S; Kvortek, Lisette E; Farnam, Julie E  
**Subject:** RE: Executive Order

+ Lisette Kvortek and Julie Farnam

*Shannon E. Slattery*  
Field Operations Directorate | U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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**From:** Levine, Laurence D  
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**To:** Renaud, Daniel M; Groom, Molly M; Neufeld, Donald W; Walters, Jessica S  
**Cc:** Ruppel, Joanna; Young, Todd P; Slattery, Shannon E; Valverde, Michael; Walters, Jessica S  
**Subject:** RE: Executive Order

All – I asked the regs team to give us an idea of the tie frames for doing and re-doing forms as well as regs:

For forms , if, for instance, we have to add new vetting questions, OMB approval can be accomplished relatively quickly as an emergency action (compared to the normal process).

Steps and qualifications for emergency OMB approval:

- 1) OP&S division, operational directorates, OCC, and RCD collaborate on the amended form and/or instructions.
- 2) RCD prepares the relevant PRA supporting documents (Supporting Statement, etc.) working with OIDP and Office of Privacy
- 3) Draft a memo justifying the emergent need (e.g., the EO), signed by USCIS CIO and DHS CIO.
- 4) RCD submits the package to OMB. OMB approval under emergency will only be valid for 6 months. To extend the validity of the OMB approval beyond 6 months, RCD would need to publish the 60- and 30-day Notices as normal and then resubmit the package to OMB.

As a side note, the interior enforcement EO took away the Privacy Act protections that the USG had extended to non-citizens (by policy I believe). This change may significantly impact how the Privacy Act is interpreted w/r/t USCIS forms and systems, and may or may not cause changes to our Privacy Threshold Analyses which support the PRA process. We need to get a legal opinion on whether our PTAs, etc. will change because of this, and if we can update the relevant PRA

supporting documents as they come up in the queue (i.e. as RCD starts work upon expiration) or if this needs to be implemented immediately (which would be a significant workload).

For regs, the time it took to get the EA rules out from the Nov. 20, 2014 memo are good barometers of the average timeline when there is WH support and it's moving as an emergency action:

- Average of 12-16 months for drafting and publishing an NPRM (but note that there was already some work done on EA before the 11/2014 announcement)
- Average of 6-8 months to review public comments, draft final rule, and publish the final rule.

Caveats: 1) The above assumes a relatively hands-off approach of OGC staff-level attorneys and economists prior to moving to OGC FO, S1 FO, and OMB. Also assumes that the timelines for S1 FO review will be similarly expedited (i.e. a matter of hours wherein the Assistant General Counsel briefs S1 and obtains signature). 2) The "effective date" will largely depend on the speed that our computer systems can be stood up. 3) Also, of course, depends on the number and complexity of public comments received and the continued availability of monetary resources to fund contractor support of our regulatory projects (comment analysis).

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**From:** Levine, Laurence D

**Sent:** Sunday, January 29, 2017 11:42 AM

**To:** Renaud, Daniel M; Groom, Molly M; Neufeld, Donald W; Walters, Jessica S

**Cc:** Ruppel, Joanna; Young, Todd P; Slattery, Shannon E; Valverde, Michael; Walters, Jessica S

**Subject:** RE: Executive Order

Ok - thanks

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Larry Levine  
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**Cc:** Ruppel, Joanna; Young, Todd P; Slattery, Shannon E; Valverde, Michael; Walters, Jessica S

**Subject:** RE: Executive Order

As of right now, we are holding all applications and petitions from led by individuals from the 7 countries. We did let an N-400 ceremony and an N-600 ceremony go forward yesterday.

We expect today to put out general guidance that the EO does not impact citizenship cases. DHS is reviewing the language. Everything else is on hold.

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**From:** Levine, Laurence D

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**To:** Groom, Molly M; Neufeld, Donald W; Walters, Jessica S; Renaud, Daniel M  
**Cc:** Ruppel, Joanna; Young, Todd P; Slattery, Shannon E; Valverde, Michael; Walters, Jessica S  
**Subject:** RE: Executive Order

Has anything gone out to our field folks at this point about pendings?

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**Cc:** Ruppel, Joanna; Young, Todd P; Slattery, Shannon E; Valverde, Michael; Walters, Jessica S  
**Subject:** RE: Executive Order

Trying to get best information.

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**From:** Levine, Laurence D  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 9:20:37 PM  
**To:** Neufeld, Donald W; Walters, Jessica S; Renaud, Daniel M  
**Cc:** Ruppel, Joanna; Young, Todd P; Slattery, Shannon E; Valverde, Michael; Groom, Molly M; Walters, Jessica S  
**Subject:** RE: Executive Order

Reuters is reporting that the stay covers holders of valid IV and NIVs and arriving refugees

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**Subject:** RE: Executive Order

I've only seen this on Twitter, but it looks like a judge in EDNY has granted a nationwide stay of the refugee EO. I haven't been able to nail down a copy of the actual order, so I have no actual details. Anyone else hear anything?

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**To:** Walters, Jessica S; Renaud, Daniel M  
**Cc:** Ruppel, Joanna; Young, Todd P; Slattery, Shannon E; Valverde, Michael; Levine, Laurence D; Groom, Molly M; Walters, Jessica S  
**Subject:** RE: Executive Order

Yes, thanks. I've shared with my folks too.

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**From:** Walters, Jessica S  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 12:41:04 PM  
**To:** Renaud, Daniel M  
**Cc:** Neufeld, Donald W; Ruppel, Joanna; Young, Todd P; Slattery, Shannon E; Valverde, Michael; Levine, Laurence D; Groom, Molly M; Walters, Jessica S  
**Subject:** RE: Executive Order

Thanks very much.

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Jessica S. Walters  
Senior Advisor  
Office of the USCIS Deputy Director  
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Cc: Neufeld, Donald W; Ruppel, Joanna; Young, Todd P; Slattery, Shannon E; Valverde, Michael; Levine, Laurence D; Groom, Molly M  
Subject: FW: Executive Order

I will be using the attached matrix to help identify questions and track implementation timelines. You may find it useful as well.

as we identify questions, develop guidance, and implementation plans.

Daniel M. Renaud  
Associate Director | Field Operations Directorate  
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services  
Department of Homeland Security

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From: Slattery, Shannon E  
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 12:16:07 PM  
To: Valverde, Michael; Renaud, Daniel M  
Cc: Farnam, Julie E; Kvortek, Lisette E  
Subject: RE: Executive Order

The attached document is a matrix breaking down the EO into its component parts and action items. I've added columns for QAs and started compiling those I saw come across this morning and some early ones I saw from Div. I.

The Policy and general objectives language at the beginning pulls key language from the EO for quick reference when we're drafting statements. The date conversion chart indicates the calendar dates associated with any specific timeframe mentioned in the EO.

I am working to convert this to Excel over the weekend so it's a little more scalable, but wanted to pass it on for initial use.

Please let me know if you have any questions or see anything that needs editing.

Thanks,

Shannon E. Slattery  
Field Operations Directorate | U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 11:42 AM  
To: Renaud, Daniel M; Kvortek, Lisette E  
Cc: Farnam, Julie E; Slattery, Shannon E  
Subject: RE: Executive Order

For section 4, do we need to take any actions prior to the "plan" described in section four being developed and implemented? And who is responsible for developing the plan?

For section 6, should we adjudicate cases in TRIG hold? It doesn't seem like exemptions are forthcoming.

Michael Valverde  
DHS USCIS  
Field Operations Directorate, Deputy Associate Director

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From: Renaud, Daniel M  
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 11:34:15 AM  
To: Kvortek, Lisette E  
Cc: Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Slattery, Shannon E

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From: Neufeld, Donald W  
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 5:34:17 PM  
To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer; Ruppel, Joanna; Strack, Barbara L; Davidson, Andrew J; Emrich, Matthew D  
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; McCament, James W  
Subject: RE: Executive Order  
I can do that but I think it's the same as what I've mentioned. It would be good to have time to consult with others. Can I get it to you on Monday?

And, in the meantime can I get something to the centers this weekend? I can share a draft email tomorrow.

From: Scialabba, Lori L  
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 8:04:01 PM  
To: Neufeld, Donald W; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer; Renaud, Daniel M; Ruppel, Joanna; Strack, Barbara L; Davidson, Andrew J; Emrich, Matthew D  
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; McCament, James W  
Subject: RE: Executive Order  
O.K. Take Jennifer off the email chains. Don, I want one document with all your issues. Same goes for Dan, Joanna/Barbara and Matt/Andrew. We'll start regular meetings next week.

Lori

From: Neufeld, Donald W  
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 8:00 PM  
To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer  
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; McCament, James W  
Subject: RE: Executive Order

For clarity, what would be suspended are I-485s, I-539s, I-129s and I-131s. If I'm missing something please let me know.

From: Neufeld, Donald W  
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 7:56:01 PM  
To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer  
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; McCament, James W  
Subject: RE: Executive Order  
I can get word out over the weekend to the centers to suspend processing. I just need the list of 7 countries to include in my message. The Directors are already on notice of the possibility. I would exclude from the suspension any petitions for beneficiaries abroad and TPS/DACA.

From: Scialabba, Lori L  
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 7:31:26 PM  
To: Neufeld, Donald W; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer  
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L  
Subject: RE: Executive Order  
I think the answer to the first two is yes they are impacted for the 7 countries identified. Not sure about petitions for beneficiaries abroad. I'll ask.

From: Neufeld, Donald W  
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 7:26 PM  
To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer  
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L  
Subject: RE: Executive Order

Thanks for sending this, Lori.

As we've discussed, the most urgent question is whether adjustments and extensions or changes of nonimmigrant status are impacted. Separately, is there any impact on petitions for beneficiaries abroad since we would not be determining admissibility? I would think not, but it would be good to have clarity.

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From: Scialabba, Lori L  
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 5:59:36 PM  
To: Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer  
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; Neufeld, Donald W  
Subject: RE: Executive Order  
I think that's o.k. and going forward don't schedule these for interviews.

From: Renaud, Daniel M  
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 5:47 PM  
To: Scialabba, Lori L; Higgins, Jennifer  
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; Neufeld, Donald W  
Subject: RE: Executive Order

If we can define "suspend processing" as "suspend prior to approval", then one option would be to continue with the interviews, since it is likely we have some that are scheduled as soon as Monday for affected applicants and then hold the cases post interview. We are trying to scrape our schedulers (C4 and NASS) to see when and where we have interviews scheduled for individuals from affected countries. We should have that sometime Monday.

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Associate Director, Field Operations Directorate  
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From: Scialabba, Lori L  
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 12:43 PM  
To: Higgins, Jennifer  
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; Neufeld, Donald W; Renaud, Daniel M  
Subject: FW: Executive Order

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FYI. I think Andrew might be right in terms of what is meant but [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Don't know if you can get any clarification but DHS HQ needs to know what's going on.

From: Davidson, Andrew J  
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 12:37 PM  
To: Renaud, Tracy L  
Cc: Neufeld, Donald W; Renaud, Daniel M; Scialabba, Lori L  
Subject: Executive Order

Tracy,

It is my understanding that POTUS will sign the "Protecting the Nation from Terrorist Attacks by Foreign Nationals" order today at 4:30pm. In complying with the EA I believe we need immediate clarification in Section 3 (c) relative to the 30 day suspension of processing immigrants and non-immigrants from the designated countries of interest and if this extends to processing of permanent resident applications. Though the EA states "immigrant and non-immigrant entry into the United States", once we grant an adjustment we "admit" that person. [REDACTED]

We just need to clarify if by extension this applies to our product lines. If this is the case then Don and Dan will need to get guidance to the Field to put these adjudications on hold. Other than the refugee suspension that appears fully deployed on our end this appears the most urgent clarification we need relative to the EAs.

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Thanks,

Andrew Davidson

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U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
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## **Worley, Jordan P**

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**From:** Renaud, Daniel M  
**Sent:** Monday, January 30, 2017 7:59 AM  
**To:** Farnam, Julie E; Valverde, Michael  
**Cc:** Kvortek, Lisette E; Slattery, Shannon E  
**Subject:** RE: STATEMENT BY SECRETARY JOHN KELLY ON THE ENTRY OF LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENTS INTO THE UNITED STATES

I'm fine to share this with the field, since it is a press release its cleared. As of right now, we are holding all cases except N-400s and N-600s. I'd want to make sure we do not confuse the field and have some of them read the Press release as an indication to proceed on I-485s.

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**From:** Farnam, Julie E  
**Sent:** Monday, January 30, 2017 8:34 AM  
**To:** Renaud, Daniel M; Valverde, Michael  
**Cc:** Kvortek, Lisette E; Slattery, Shannon E  
**Subject:** RE: STATEMENT BY SECRETARY JOHN KELLY ON THE ENTRY OF LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENTS INTO THE UNITED STATES

Will we be sharing this message with the field? We are still currently holding AOS cases.

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**From:** Renaud, Daniel M  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 29, 2017 6:36 PM  
**To:** Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Kvortek, Lisette E; Slattery, Shannon E  
**Subject:** FW: STATEMENT BY SECRETARY JOHN KELLY ON THE ENTRY OF LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENTS INTO THE UNITED STATES

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**From:** Renaud, Tracy L  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 29, 2017 6:24:02 PM  
**To:** Ruppel, Joanna; Renaud, Daniel M; Neufeld, Donald W  
**Subject:** FW: STATEMENT BY SECRETARY JOHN KELLY ON THE ENTRY OF LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENTS INTO THE UNITED STATES

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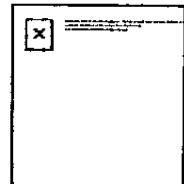
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**From:** Alfonso, Angelica M  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 29, 2017 6:19:32 PM  
**To:** Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Tracy L; Atkinson, Ronald A; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Hatchett, Dolline L; Groom, Molly M; Melero, Mariela  
**Subject:** FW: STATEMENT BY SECRETARY JOHN KELLY ON THE ENTRY OF LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENTS INTO THE UNITED STATES

Angelica Alfonso-Royals  
Chief, Office of Legislative Affairs  
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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**From:** DHS Press Office  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 29, 2017 11:15:58 PM  
**To:** Alfonso, Angelica M  
**Subject:** STATEMENT BY SECRETARY JOHN KELLY ON THE ENTRY OF LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENTS INTO THE UNITED STATES



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# Press Release

January 29, 2017  
Contact: DHS Press Office, 202-282-8010

## STATEMENT BY SECRETARY JOHN KELLY ON THE ENTRY OF LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENTS INTO THE UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON – In applying the provisions of the president's executive order, I hereby deem the entry of lawful permanent residents to be in the national interest.

Accordingly, absent the receipt of significant derogatory information indicating a serious threat to public safety and welfare, lawful permanent resident status will be a dispositive factor in our case-by-case determinations.

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## **Worley, Jordan P**

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**From:** Valverde, Michael  
**Sent:** Monday, January 30, 2017 1:29 PM  
**To:** Young, Claudia F; Rinehart, Brett R; Quimby, Christopher M (Chris); Sapko, Jeffrey M; Spencer, Julie C  
**Cc:** Kvortek, Lisette E; Farnam, Julie E; Slattery, Shannon E; Wheelock, Amy J  
**Subject:** RE: Status as of Monday AM

Folks—

In case it bears saying again, let's keep our teams as briefed up as we can so we are all prepared and have the same context for when the next task comes up. Thanks

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**From:** Valverde, Michael  
**Sent:** Monday, January 30, 2017 9:08 AM  
**To:** Young, Claudia F; Rinehart, Brett R; Quimby, Christopher M (Chris); Sapko, Jeffrey M; Spencer, Julie C  
**Cc:** Kvortek, Lisette E; Farnam, Julie E; Slattery, Shannon E  
**Subject:** Status as of Monday AM  
**Importance:** High

HQ Leadership Team—

Just so everyone is on the same page:

- We are good to interview, adjudicate, and administer the oath to all N400 applicants;
- Similarly, N600s are good to go;
- We are holding all other requests for immigration benefits from those folks covered by the order (seven countries);
- USCIS has sought guidance on a number of things, including whether or not 485s are covered by the order;
- Other than the public statements made and the fact sheet (attached), there's not too much we can say at this time;

I expect more actionable information to come out through the course of today and hope to provide clarity to folks soon. Thank you all for your work this weekend—please keep raising issues as they come up.

Michael Valverde  
Deputy Associate Director, Field Operations Directorate  
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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**From:** Goodwin, Shelley M  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 29, 2017 8:54 PM  
**To:** #NER-DD-FOD-COS; #NER-OPS; #NER SISOs and Section Managers  
**Cc:** Pietropaoli, Lori A; Haag, Andrew P; Fontanez, Andrew V  
**Subject:** Update: Executive Order

**Importance:** High

### Field Leadership

Just a brief update based on where we stand with the information shared over the weekend regarding the recent executive order.

As noted, offices must immediately begin holding all pending cases, with the exception of N600s and N400s, filed by or on behalf of someone from the seven countries outlined in the executive order until additional guidance is provided. We are putting the final touches on a report for all field offices that will assist you with identifying the cases that must be retrieved and held in abeyance. This report will provide you with the NFTS location of these cases in your respective offices. Further, we will provide you with a standard NFTS code that all offices must use for the purpose of holding these cases. Until you receive the report and NFTS code, it is imperative that offices ensure that all staff members are aware of the need to identify and hold these filings without further adjudication.

Many of you have asked whether we can expect additional information to assist with addressing customer and stakeholder inquiries. I am sure you can all appreciate how fluid this situation is at the present time. We don't have talking points for customer service or outreach at this point and we have no deadline by which we expect to have those. We can answer questions about the status of the work that we adjudicate. Beyond that, we cannot and should not respond. I know this may be frustrating to the staff and public alike but unfortunately we simply do not have any additional information. We will be certain to share anything we receive as soon as it is disseminated.

Thank you and stay tuned!

*Shelley M. Goodwin*

Northeast Region | Associate Regional Director, Operations | USCIS |

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